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Football Ends And Basketball Begins

The football season ended for the Varsity early in November and for the midgets in the intra-squad games just before Thanksgiving. The exploits of the season were reviewed and the letters awarded with commendation at the football banquet. Every boy who went out for either Varsity or Midget ball and remained with the squad throughout the season was invited to attend, along with the seniors and cheer leaders and members of the staff.

Mrs. Neill and Mrs. Campbell had prepared a wonderful supper. Mrs. Pope and her helpers had arranged the dining room attractively, so that it was a festive occasion. Since coffee is served to all guests, and since this is about the only opportunity some of the younger members have of getting hold of it, extra quantities were prepared because the usual custom prevailed and the younger members drank the older ones under the table.

In awarding the letters it was noted that if a winning score is the only yardstick for an athletic contest, then Barium had a dismal season, but if the sportsmanship, body building, and wholesome recreation derived from such a program is of any value, then Barium had a good season this year. The Coach commended the boys for their work, their diligence and for their continued strong play even against the odds of a small squad and a heavy schedule. R. G. Calhoun, the principal of the school and coach of football, now reverses his role with his brother, A. M. Calhoun, who is a teacher and the coach of basketball. A. M. Calhoun assists R. G. Calhoun during the football season and during the basketball season they reverse their roles. Thus, these two men, as has been true for many years, direct the athletic varsity program of the Home.

The boys' basketball squad suffered a heavy loss from graduation, and will have quite a job of rebuilding, while the girls' basketball squad is on the upswing and the outlook is much brighter this season for the girls. From the middle of December until the end of February, Tuesday and Friday nights will be basketball nights, either on the campus or away, with the tournaments coming the first week in March.

FAMILY NIGHT BEGINS CHRISTMAS SEASON

The big dining-room all aglow with candles and Christmas decorations is the setting for one of the loveliest of the events of the Christmas season. All the boys and girls of the Home gather with the workers and teachers as one big family. A fresh green Christmas tree unadorned stands in the center of the room. When the supper is finished, during the singing of Christmas Carols, each person makes his way to the tree and there, making a gift to the big red stocking for someone else, takes a piece of ornament and decorates the tree. After this has been repeated several hundred times, the tree stands in full Christmas dress, and is ready for the lighting ceremony. Someone chosen in advance, the youngest member, the newest member, the oldest member, or some particular person—is asked to turn on the lights. As the tree becomes alive in the beauty of the candlelight, the family sings "Silent Night, Holy Night," and the minister has the Christmas prayer. Thus the Christmas season begins with worship and sharing and carries through with all the services and joy of Christmas time.

Sunday, December 22, will see the special Christmas services within the church. Christmas morning the bell will ring early and under the starlight of the early morning, if the weather is clear, everyone will make his way to the church for a service of worship as the day begins. All gather in the big dining-room for a breakfast of cocoa, doughnuts, cereals, and fruits, and then to the Christmas tree where in each cottage stored under the trees the Christmas packages await the hands of the children.

Santa Claus letters are always written early and always answered abundantly, and so the opening of packages and the sharing of gifts in the cottages will then take most of the morning, together with the visiting to see what other cottages receive. At high noon, the whole family together with returning students and friends will gather for the Christmas dinner, eating the home-made cakes which are brought in by friends of the Home for this occasion. The fun and fellowship, the prayer and worship, the giving and sharing, the putting together of the whole meaning of Christmas makes it a lovely season for the children in the big Home at Barium Springs.

PASTOR ACCEPTS CALL TO MISSOURI CHURCH

On the first Sunday in December, the Reverend Robert R. Collins asked the congregation of Little Joe's Presbyterian Church to join him in a request to Presbytery for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship in order that he might accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Mexico, Missouri. The congregation regretfully concurred with the minister in his request and appointed three elders to represent the congregation before the Presbytery.

Mr. Collins who is in his fourth year at Barium Springs expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve in this field with the people of the community and the boys and girls of the Home. He said that, while he greatly loves Barium Springs and the people of this community, he feels compelled to accept this call to the new work in Missouri.

The whole campus will hate to see the Collins family rolling out from the Manse. Mr. and Mrs. Collins and their two sons who were born here have made a warm place in the hearts of the people of Little Joe's Church. Not only has Mr. Collins' work been effective with the boys and girls of the Home, but he has rendered service in the Presbytery with young people for two years. He has been director of Pioneer Camp at Camp Grier, serving as chairman of the Pioneer Section of the Committee. The Church and the Presbytery will be losing a good preacher and presbyter and a lovely family.

A nominating committee, representative of the congregation, was elected at the congregational meeting to nominate to the congregation a pastor. This committee has already begun its work and hopes to be able to have some report to make in the near future.

January Birthdays

Linda Roberts	1-16-50
Nancy Joyner	1- 4-43
Sue Rannells	1-17-40
Shirley Faulk	1- 9-44
Linda Ivey	1-21-50
Patsy Mace	1- 5-48
Gordon Brown	1- 2-47
Tommy Bush	1-22-47
Larry Wilkins	1-14-47
John Bolton	1-16-43
John Shepherd	1- 3-42
Clifton Garner	1-12-50
Robert McLaurin	1- 4-41

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COTTAGE NEWS

Howard Cottage

It is a sight to see all of us writing and talking about our material for the Barium Messenger. Everyone gets pencil and paper and scratches her head. From this beginning comes the following:

Most of us get to sing with the Girls' Choir in church on December 1st. We sing "All Creatures of Our God and King" by Francis of Assisi, and "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly", a Polish song.

Three of us, Rita Harris, Eloise Barefoot, and Judith Rutledge go to Communicants Class the first two weeks of December. We three also become twelve years old this month. Mary Tyndall joins us in earning the award for reciting the Shorter Catechism.

The first, second, and third grades gave a Thanksgiving play at school. The first graders were turkeys; second graders, Pilgrims; and third graders, Indians.

We certainly enjoyed our Thanksgiving holidays. Lois says, "I feel sorry for those turkeys," but no one can tell that she is sorry by the smile on her face and the twinkle in her eyes. The ladies of Durham made us such wonderful cakes, but they disappeared right off of our tables. Extra skating and basketball time was given to all of us and we go back to school happy and excitedly waiting for Christmas.

Our report cards did not show up so good this week, as all of us except Kaye had to be absent with the Flu. She came down these last two days with an upset stomach. We will make it up on our report cards next time.

Linda says, "Miss Hoots is such a good nurse. She made us all well when we had the Flu."

Most of us have ordered some of the twenty-five cent classics through our school. Several of them are giving us lots of laughter and others many happy reading hours.

Dr. Keith-Lucas visited us and told us more of his delightful animal stories. When Kaye showed him where her tooth had come out, he said, "Oh, you lost a tooth." She said, "I didn't lost it, it's in my dawer at kool." (drawer at school!)

Now, we have all said something—you find the sentence which your particular Howard Girl has written.

Love to you all from all of us.

The Howard Girls

Sanford Cottage

Hi There—

As we have not had any news in a long time, I suppose we had better get busy and write some. Everyone in our cottage has had the Flu except our youngest girl, Phoebe Brumley.

We certainly did have a wonderful Thanksgiving with a lovely Church Service and a delicious turkey dinner.

We had a few girls on the Honor Roll, as follows: Betty Rutledge, Jane Webb, Sylvia Bush, and Phoebe Brumley. All of us will have to work harder and see if we can get more on the Honor Roll.

Patricia and Nancy Mobley spent the Thanksgiving holidays with us. We surely did enjoy having them.

That will be all for this time. See you next month.

The Sanford Girls

ALUMNI NEWS

Charles Barrett completed his work for his M.A. at the University of N. C. this summer and is teaching English and is Director of the Little Theatre at Western Teachers College at Cullowhee.

Cromer Curtis is a student at Western Carolina Teachers College.

Gwynn Fletcher received his M.A. from the University of West Virginia this summer and is Command Recreational Director in the U.S. Air Force at Wright - Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Betty Traywick Graves (Mrs. Jack), her husband and little girl visited the campus recently. They live at Lancaster, S. C.

Archie McMannen was a visitor on the campus recently with his wife and little girl. Archie has been sent to France and his wife and baby are with her people in Virginia.

Oscar Utsman and Mac McClure, students at Davidson College were home for the Thanksgiving holidays. Lawton Rice was here from Lees McRae College. Nancy Kyles from Woman's College spent the holidays in Troutman.

Nancy and Patricia Mobley from Charlotte, and Sue and Carol Moore from Concord were here for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Bobby Fry was here for a few days. He is in the Navy and is stationed in Norfolk.

Melva Powell Alexander and her children from Raleigh, and Edith Powell Lewis and daughter Vicki from Mooresville were visitors on the campus.

Mary Parks Allen Helms made a short visit to Barium.

Henry Alessandrini was elected to the Board of Deacons at the Presbyterian Church of which he is a member in Cleveland, Ohio. The Deacons are fixing a creche in the Church yard at Christmas. Henry received a promotion recently and is Installation foreman of the telephone company.

Walter Beattie was the speaker at the evening service at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and talked on the life at Barium and showed slides.

Tom McCall was the speaker at the meeting of the Women of Village Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville recently.

Rae Powell and Jimmy Johnson were married in Salisbury in November. Jimmy is a student at Catawba College and Rae is nursing.

Tom and Dona Clark have moved into a lovely new home in Raleigh.

Delores Ramsey McMannen was a visitor on the campus.

Dean Upton is a Senior at A.S.T.C. at Boone and is doing his practice teaching at Mac Gray High School in Statesville.

Calvin Burleson was here during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Everett Vest and his wife from High Point were visitors on the campus.

Franklin and Frederick Lentz visited on the campus. Frederick is a student at Pfeiffer College and Franklin is in the service and is at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Born to Barbara (McCall) and Gene Brooks of Winston-Salem in November, a daughter.

Born to John and Ginger McCall on November 3, a daughter, Carolyn Sue. They live in Pittsburgh, Pa.

On November 28th in Wilmington, a daughter was born to Worth Bolton and his wife.

Born to Tom McCall and his wife August 31st in Fayetteville, a daughter, Harriett.

Born to David and Bonnie (Finley) Andrews on September 6th, a son, David Mitchell.

On October 31st, a son, Barry Wayne was born to Dwight and Joan Spencer at Eau Callie, Florida.

On November 10th Deborah Lynn, daughter of Robert and Nellie (Sellers) Bell was baptized in the Chapel at Camp LeJeune.

Born to Lucille and Don Bolton of Troutman on November 28th a daughter, Mary Lou.

BOYS ATTEND THE SHRINE BOWL GAME

Through the generosity of friends and under the leadership of Mr. Ralph A. Norcom of Charlotte, the boys of the Home were invited to attend the Shrine Bowl game in Charlotte. This annual occurrence is one of the highlights of the Fall season. Loading in the big bus, the group rolled out early on Saturday morning, arriving at the Stadium around ten o'clock in order to get seating arrangements worked out. Then, prior to the game, a lunch was distributed and all was set for the game. The thrilling pageantry of the occasion, the fine football, and the excellent sportsmanship, stirs the imagination of everyone who attends.

Then, as the climaxing feature of the day's festivities, free supper was offered at the S & W Cafeteria. When a boy has the opportunity to pass down the chow line with no restrictions on his taking, you can be sure that his tray comes out the other end well loaded. And what finer challenge is ever presented to a growing boy than an opportunity to conquer a tremendous meal. There was not a single loser in the crowd for every tray was left bare.

November Memorials

Abernethy, Mr. Joe, Hickory
Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Robbins, Lenoir
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wall, Jr., Chester, S. C.

Adams, Mrs. John R., Wilmington
Mr. and Mrs. Homer N. Culbreth, Raleigh
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bordeaux
Miss Nell MacRae

Adams, Mr. R. M., Charlotte
Miss Grace D. James, Davidson
Misses Martha and Nora Thompson, Davidson

Alexander, Mr. Dewitt, Raleigh
Mrs. Nora B. Parker

Alexander, Mrs. Ed, Morganton
Mr. and Mrs. D. R. LaFar, Jr., Gastonia
Mrs. Thomas P. Moore, Jr., Charlotte

Alexander, Mr. S. D., Raleigh
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Willis, Jr., Monroe

Alexander, Mr. Thomas R., Statesville
Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Sherrill

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Ladies Bible Class, Amity Pres. Church, Charlotte
Circle No. 3, Amity Pres. Church, Charlotte

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Fellowship Class, First Pres. Church

Barnes, Mr. Otto, Wilson
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